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Mass Testing on Return in January

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are probably aware, given recent government announcements, secondary schools have been asked to mass test all pupils on return to school after the Christmas holiday period. At Armfield Academy this testing will take place on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th January 2022. Remote learning will be in place for all pupils while the school is closed for testing to take place. Each pupil should attend school at the time indicated for their tutor group in the tables below.

Wednesday 5th January

7A	7R	7M	7F	7L	7D	8A	8R	8M	8F	8L	8D
9am	9:20am	9:40am	10am	10:20am	10:40am	12:30pm	12:50pm	1:10pm	1:30pm	1:50pm	2:10pm

Thursday 6th January

9A	9R	9M	9F	9L	9D	10A	10R	10M	10F	10L	10D
9:15am	9:30am	9:45am	10am	10:15am	10:30am	12:30pm	12:45pm	1pm	1:15pm	1:30pm	1:45pm

Pupils do not need to wear school uniform to come into school for their Covid test, they should come through the main school gates into the yard and the tests will take place in the Memorial Hall. If you already completed a consent form for testing to take place in September 2021 then there is no need to complete another consent form. The process should not take any longer than 20 minutes per pupil using the **nasal only swab tests**. Results will come to you via the NHS to the email address and/or mobile number you put on the consent form.

All pupils will return to school on Friday 7th January 2022.

Testing has been playing a vital role in the response to COVID-19. It is helping to break chains of transmission by identifying asymptomatic positive cases quickly. This means those who test positive can self-isolate, keeping other pupils in face-to-face education. Reporting all test results, positive or negative, helps the health experts have a clearer picture of any potential outbreaks in different parts of the country. All pupils should also test at home prior to attending school on Monday 10th January.

What will happen if a pupil tests positive?

Those who test positive should isolate and take a confirmatory PCR test and continue to isolate if the result is positive. We are well prepared to implement high quality blended learning so any child who is well enough to learn from home can do so.





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If you are a close contact of a positive case, you do not need to isolate if:

- You're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a Covid-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- You're under 18 years, 6 months old
- You're taking part or have taken part in a Covid-19 vaccine trial
- You're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

But you are strongly advised to take a PCR test and then if positive, will need to isolate.

We thank you in advance of your support and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. S. Sherwood

Assistant Head Teacher Data, Assessment and Progress

